



Terwilliger Fire Update

Northwest Incident Management Team 8, Incident Commander, Doug Johnson
September 13, 2018 - 9:00 A.M.

Special Announcements: After careful analysis and further review, fire managers in concert with local Willamette National Forest officials have decided to close Forest Service Road (FR) 19 to all traffic, including to firefighters, due to unsafe conditions. From its intersection with FR 1900-408 south to, and including, Box Canyon hazardous debris, such as car-sized boulders and very large trees, continue to create very high risk situations and near-miss incidents. The number one objective of any incident managers is to keep all firefighters and the public safe by limiting exposure. Only emergency vehicles, in case there is a need for rapid evacuation of injured personnel, will be allowed.

An inquiry to the availability of an incident specific drone with camera/recording capabilities has been made. If available, the authorized drone will be used to seek out hot areas of the fire and check containment lines in areas of fire weakened trees to minimize exposure to firefighters.

Acreage: 10,948

Containment: 66%

Public Information Phone: (541) 719-8135 Available 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Information Websites: Inciweb – <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6160> **Email:** terwilligerfireinfo@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/willamettewildfires/>

Resources: Total personnel assigned – 459: 1-type 1 hand crew, 7-type 2 IA hand crews, 2- camp crews, 1- heavy lift helicopter, 1- medium lift helicopter, 2- light lift helicopters, 19-engines, 1-dozers, 10-water tenders, and 4 – tracked heavy equipment. Additional resources have been ordered and continue to arrive.

Current Fire Information: Scattered precipitation was received over the fire area yesterday resulting in minimal fire activity. Fire continues to creep slowly east into the Three Sisters Wilderness. Fire crews are monitoring fire activity from the air and ground. Firefighters are remaining vigilant as moisture hasn't soaked through the forest canopy and dry receptive fuels remain. Fire resources patrolled and mopped-up heat on the west flank near the private lands. The burning intensity was scattered and a "dirty burn" resulted where various fuels remain and could be subject to re-burn. Therefore, emphasis on locating and cooling hotspots is of the utmost importance. Suppression repair work is also being identified.

Planned Actions: Fire crews will patrol, monitor the fire perimeter, and mop up hot spots where fire suppression activities have occurred. Helicopters are available for reconnaissance and water drops as needed. Crews are back hauling excess equipment to the fire camp. Emphasis will be given to the west flank to mop-up and complete suppression repairs. Assessment of type and location of suppression repair work has begun. Forest Roads on the east side of Cougar Reservoir will be assessed for firefighter use.

Restrictions: The Willamette National Forest has implemented a Forest-wide campfire ban, which includes all campgrounds and Wilderness areas. For specific information on Forest Order 06-18-01-18-18, see the Willamette National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notice>.

Closures: An Area Closure has been issued by the Willamette National Forest for the protection and safety of the public and firefighters. Closure order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed in its entirety at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> or on [Inciweb](#). Hunters and recreationists are encourage to “Know Before You Go”.

Evacuations: There are currently NO evacuation notices in place for this fire.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: Temporary flight restrictions (TFR) are in effect around the entire fire area. Remember, that temporary flight restrictions also apply to unauthorized, unmanned aircraft systems (drones). **If you fly, we can’t!**

Air Quality: For smoke monitoring information, see Oregon Department of Environmental Quality <https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map> or <https://oregonsmoke.blogspot.com/> or <http://www.lrapa.org>

Weather: Clear skies this morning will turn to partly cloudy with a 30% chance of rain. Temperatures are forecasted with 52-63 degrees and a relative humidity of 60-65%. Winds will be increasing this afternoon 4-8 mph from the south/southwest with gusts to 15 mph.

